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Upper Miss. River Nat. Wildlife and Fish Refuge Headquarters  
51 E. 4<sup>th</sup>. St. Room 101  
Winona, MN 55987

Sirs,

As an avid sportsman who has hunted and fished the upper Mississippi River over the last 45 years I am writing to voice my concern over the proposed regulations your department would like to enact. I have studied the proposals (A-E), and personally find no substantial reason to warrant any proposal other than proposal "A".

I do not feel it is in the best interest of the refuge to create more trails, put up more signs and erect observation decks. I am asking that you please use the tax dollars you are spending to build and improve fish and wildlife habitat by addressing sedimentation, pollution and water quality problems.

I am a member of the Quad City Bass Fishermen's Club located in Davenport, Ia. At the recent QCCA Outdoor Show in Rock Island, Ill. our club sponsored a petition asking that if any of your proposals were enacted that plan "A" be the preferred choice. Enclosed is the petition with the signatures of concerned sportsmen of the Quad City area.

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